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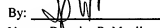
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

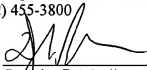
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	4,865,649	9.12.1989	Kashiwagi et al.			
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	63-241076	1988.10.6	JP			SEE IDS	
	8-27422	1996.1.30	JP			ABSTRACT	
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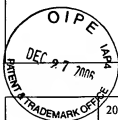
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